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WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, Nov. 21.-Mr. Harrison has borne his defeat in a manly way that he has won the respect and admiration of even the staunchest democrats. The mambers of his cabinet have had little to say, although it was well known that more than one of them might have said some very interesting things had they been so disposed. This being the situation, a sensation was created in high republican circles when josial Secretary Rusk opened his amunition box and fired a red hot shot straigh; at the head of the man who has been privately charged by Mr. Harrison's close personal friends with having exert ed his powerful influence in the re publican party to lessen the vote for Mr. Harrison. Although Secretary Rusk called no name he made it as plain as though he had spoken through the most powerful trumpet ever made, that in his epinjon James (4. Blaine, the es head of the Harrison cabinet was she traiter upon whose head the Jwrath of the republican party should be poured.

It is learned from trustworth source that Mr. Harrison was averse to such a statement being made by any member of his eshinet, not be cause he believed in untrue, but be cause he thought it undignified and unnecessary; but Secretary Rusk who had it in for Blaine, whom he once admired so much that he nam ed his oun after him ever since last summer when Blame tried to deprive him of the credit for restor ing the European privileges of the American hog, and later to use him to defeat Mr. Harrison's renomina tion; in hie own language; "tried to make a traitor of me." He might have held in until he was out of cf fice, but for his accidental discovery of indisputable evidence that Mr. Blaine had much to do with the loss of his own state, which he worked so hard to keep in the republican column. That settled it; he had to have his say, and it was in pretty close accord with what many mem bers of his party think without say

The question of pensions is one of the most important that the com ing administration and Congress will have to deal with; in directly affects every man, woman and child in the United States. It is now certain that there will be a deficiency of \$35,000,000 for the current fiscal year, which must be a spropiated at this session of congress, and those who eaught to know estimate the amount that will be required for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1893, which must also be appropriated at this session, as somewhere in the neigh borhood of \$200,000,000. It is dir ticult for human intellect to com prehend the immensity of the pile of money represented by those fig ures. It represents more than \$3,

and Secretary Foster of the treasury predicts that before the close of Cleveland's administration it it will take \$250,000,000 a year to pay the pensions nore than all the other expenses of the country added together. It is scarcely to be wondered at that the old idea. championed in the house some years ago by Hon. Wm. R. Morri son of Illinois, of raising the money to pay pensions by imposing an in come tax, should be revived at this time. If pension expenditures are to keep growing some extraordinary method of raising the money wil certainly have to be resorted to.

There is so much rivelry among Washington democrats to be incu bers of the citizens committee which make the arrangement for the most largely attended inaugura tion the country has ever had that it has resulted in a more or less bitter wrangle for its control, between the National committee for the District of Columbia, who took the matter in his own hands and forwarded the name of gentle men to be members of the commit tee Chairman Harrity for his appro val, and the central democratic com mittee, which believes that it should have selected the inaugural committee. Full details of the claims of both sides have been for warded to Chairman Harrity and his decisions will be cheerfully ac cepted by-all parties,

11Teddy Roosevelt, the president of one of the greatest American humbugs, the civil service commission, has forgotton, all about the anmerous proscentions he was going to make for violation of the law by various individuals, in sollciting cambaign contributions from feder al employes, previous to the election, and is now lying awake nights to study up schemes to keep the demograts out of the patronage to which they should he entitled after the fourth of March next, by extend ing the civil service to brandhes of the Government to which it never would have been extended had Har rison been re elected. Mr. Harrison has so far refused to endorse this scheme to keep republicans in office under a democratic adminis tration by issning the necessary or der to carry it into effect, but he

may be worried into it yet. The people of this country have voted against perpetral office holding, and a democratic congress ,might take a notion to let this old humbug die for the want of an appropriation. The tears would be few, and they wouldn't be from democratic eyes.

THE Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Republic says: The wife of the first President elect had no white House waiting to receive her. There was no Executive Mansion then. Mr. Washington and her husband lived in L'aitadel phis after the general was inaugu fated. In the directory that city for 1797, the name of treorge Wash ington appears, and his add . so is given as Nan 190 Market street, below Sixth. The house had been previously occupied by Benedict Arnold, who is said to have awelt there "m great state" on the proceeds of his profitable peculations, having many liveried servants. Robert Morris occupied the resi dence next door to the Father of His Country, and the latter paid rent out of his salary of \$25,000 a year, which was commonly referred to at the time as "grosely extrava gant."

A Mexican Consul. San Antonio Express.

Senor C. Vernandez Sasalagna, the newly appointed Mexican con sul for Nogales, Ariz, arrived in the city yesterday and is registered at the Mayrick. The gentleman was consul at Rie Grande City but has succeed E. Labider, as consul at Nogales, for which place he is now en route.

The Ried Grende City region which has been the scene of trouble some times is now tranquil and penceful, so the senor reports ex cept for the spasmodic depredations of a few bandits the outgrowth of the Garza trouble. Senor Sasala gua leaves for his now post Thurs

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